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Mr. John Pomeroy, Chairman  
Old Forge Toxic Waste Removal Committee  
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Dear Mr. Pomeroy,

I would like to thank you for the way you conducted the work session meeting last week and I appreciate the opportunity to meet many of the committee. Let me address as many of your concerns that I can at this time.

#### MEETINGS

First, I would like to say that I would like to meet the entire committee and I understand that your meetings have historically been on Sundays. As I discussed during our meeting on September 25, 1984 Sundays are not very convenient for me, due to other commitments. When there is a reason to have a meeting in Old Forge, I will try to accommodate your schedule but I will need substantial lead time. Also, as you know, meetings with the public are arranged through our Public Affairs Office and I suggest that we try to work out future meetings through them. Please feel free to contact me during the week with technical questions you may have. I'll return your call and help save your telephone bills.

#### TISSUE ANALYSIS

I have contacted our contract lab people and asked that the rabbit meat be analyzed first and then the mice. The lab has six weeks to complete the work. We will ask the lab doing the meat for the analyses as to be forwarded as each one is done. The Fish and Wildlife office will need the data to interpret the findings of their pathologist, and our quality control chemists will need to review the data but I will send whatever I can to you when it comes back.

#### DRAINAGE STUDY

I have talked to the NUS people who will conduct the drainage study and they should be up to Old Forge this week to check their stakes and arrange for access to the school area and the municipal building as they did last time. I was unable to contact the mayor last Thursday, but I spoke to Ms. Secula and relayed this information. The drainage study will be conducted as soon as NUS can get their people mobilized and the weather cooperates. They will only have a short notice (about 36 hours) to mobilize for this but they will contact me and I will let you know what is happening. I expect this to be done before the contract for the trenching is awarded.

#### TRENCHING

The trenching contract went out last Thursday. Minor changes were made in the bid items to better evaluate the contractor's bids for the award.

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the schedule for the contract is tentatively scheduled as follows:

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Prebid conference with the contractors: October 10

Bid opening: October 19

Award: October 23

We anticipate beginning the contract on October 29, 1984. It is anticipated that it will take about two days for the site to be prepared for the trenching and that the contractor will begin digging on Wednesday, October 31. This should allow for him to dig and still be able to close up the trenches by Sunday. This way we should not be digging into the next week. Of course, all this is tentative based on getting good bids, being able to mobilize in time and having good weather. The contractors are all expected to be experienced in doing this type of work and have the equipment available to them.

#### MONITORING

We anticipate having essentially the same type monitoring as last time. The contractors having the large mobile vans have been contacted as to their availability in this time frame and we anticipate no problem in this area. Some of the data collection this time will be radioed back from the meteorologic station instead of being hand carried. Sampling will be done at the trench as the work proceeds. We don't anticipate that this is a more hazardous procedure than the last time. As long as the contractor is digging through garbage and there is no release of contaminants, he will continue. If he encounters a drum, he will stop. We will not have a trench 30 feet deep through drums, looking for the bottom. As you can see, this should be no more hazardous than the last pit excavation, and with the experience gained it should actually proceed smoothly and be of less concern to the residents.

#### REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT REVISIONS

NUS did change the wording of the report where they had information from court transcripts or similar items to state that something occurred. If there are still paragraphs with "allegedly" that you have documentation that has held up in court please let me know. In some cases I see that the report has "reportedly" as a sort of "well known or suspected but not proved" type of characterization.

As to the demographic data concerning the site and nearby residents, I will wait for any specific census data you may have about this area. I doubt that it will affect the review of the report by the agency or Lee Thomas, but I'll certainly review it and try to use it.

I've spoken with NUS and Tom Voltaggio and it seems that there is no chapter(s) concerning Pit 5 and/or the road. This information is being tied in with the whole study and the costs are to be listed for a whole series of options for the entire site. I would like to see this study completed as soon as possible after the trenching is completed and I know that Mr. Voltaggio has stressed this to the NUS people in a meeting here several weeks ago.

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INJUNCTION AGAINST USE OF THE SITE

I have not gotten to speak with Mr. Early yet about his letter since he has been out of the office. He is expected back tomorrow and we'll discuss the use of the access road by the owner.

I hope these answer most of your concerns from the meeting. I will forward more information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

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